## Exhibit A

**Certification under Guidelines** 

## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF PUERTO RICO

In re:

THE FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT AND MANAGEMENT BOARD FOR PUERTO RICO.

as representative of

THE COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO, et al.,

Debtors.1

In re:

THE FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT AND MANAGEMENT BOARD FOR PUERTO RICO,

as representative of

PUERTO RICO PUBLIC BUILDINGS AUTHORITY,

Debtor.

PROMESA Title III

Case No. 17-BK-3283-LTS

(Jointly Administered)

PROMESA Title III

Case No. 19-BK-5523-LTS

This Application relates only to PBA, and shall be filed in the lead Case No. 17-BK-3283-LTS, and PBA's Title III Case (Case No. 19-BK-5523-LTS)

CERTIFICATION UNDER GUIDELINES FOR FEES
AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR PROFESSIONALS IN RESPECT OF
SECOND INTERIM FEE APPLICATION OF PROSKAUER ROSE LLP FOR
COMPENSATION FOR SERVICES RENDERED AND REIMBURSEMENT OF
EXPENSES INCURRED AS ATTORNEYS FOR THE FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT
AND MANAGEMENT BOARD FOR PUERTO RICO, AS REPRESENTATIVE OF
THE DEBTOR, THE PUERTO RICO PUBLIC BUILDINGS AUTHORITY,
FOR THE PERIOD FEBRUARY 1, 2020 THROUGH MAY 31, 2020

Commonwealth of Puerto Rico ("<u>ERS</u>") (Bankruptcy Case No. 17-BK-3566-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 9686); (v) Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority ("<u>PREPA</u>") (Bankruptcy Case No. 17-BK-4780-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 3747); and (vi) Puerto Rico Public Buildings Authority ("<u>PBA</u>") (Bankruptcy Case No. 19-BK-5523-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 3801) (Title III case numbers are listed as Bankruptcy Case numbers due to software limitations).

The Debtors in these Title III Cases, along with each Debtor's respective Title III case number and the last four (4) digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number, as applicable, are the (i) Commonwealth of Puerto Rico (Bankruptcy Case No. 17-BK-3283-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 3481); (ii) Puerto Rico Sales Tax Financing Corporation ("COFINA") (Bankruptcy Case No. 17-BK-3284-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 8474); (iii) Puerto Rico Highways and Transportation Authority ("HTA") (Bankruptcy Case No. 17-BK-3567-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 3808); (iv) Employees Retirement System of the Government of the

Pursuant to (a) the *United States Trustee Guidelines for Reviewing Applications for Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses Filed under 11 U.S.C. § 330 by Attorneys in Larger Chapter 11 Cases* issued by the Executive Office for the United States Trustee, 28 CFR Part 58, Appendix B (the "Guidelines"), together with the Local Rule 2016–1, and (b) the order dated June 26, 2019 [ECF No. 7678], the undersigned, a Partner of the firm Proskauer Rose LLP ("Proskauer"), attorneys for the Financial Oversight and Management Board for Puerto Rico (the "Oversight Board") as representative of the Puerto Rico Public Buildings Authority (the "Debtor"), pursuant to section 315(b) of the *Puerto Rico Oversight, Management, and Economic Stability Act* ("PROMESA"), hereby certifies with respect to (a) Proskauer's ninth interim application for allowance of compensation for services rendered and reimbursement of expenses incurred with respect to the Debtor's Title III case, dated September 18, 2020 (the "Application"), for the period from February 1, 2020 through and including May 31, 2020 (the "Compensation Period") and (b) the Court's order dated June 26, 2019 [ECF No. 7678] requiring rate notices as follows:

- 1. I am the professional designated by Proskauer in respect of compliance with the Guidelines and Local Rule 2016–1.
- 2. I make this certification in support of the Application for interim compensation and reimbursement of expenses incurred during the Compensation Period in accordance with the Guidelines and Local Rule 2016–1.
  - 3. In respect of the Guidelines and Local Rule 2016–1, I certify that:
    - a. I have read the Application;

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> PROMESA has been codified in 48 U.S.C. §§ 2101-2241.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Capitalized terms used but not defined herein have the meanings given to them in the Application.

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b. to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief formed after reasonable

inquiry, the fees and disbursements sought fall within the Guidelines;

c. except to the extent (i) that fees or disbursements are prohibited by the

Guidelines or (ii) Proskauer agreed to provide discounts to its usual rates in

connection with its representation of the Oversight Board, the fees and

disbursements sought are billed at rates in accordance with practices

customarily employed by Proskauer and generally accepted by Proskauer's

clients; and

d. in providing a reimbursable service, Proskauer does not make a profit on that

service, where the service is performed by Proskauer in house or through a

third party. <sup>4</sup>

4. I certify that Proskauer has previously provided monthly statements of

Proskauer's fees and disbursements by filing and serving monthly statements in accordance with

the Interim Compensation Order (as defined in the Application), except that completing

reasonable and necessary internal accounting and review procedures may have, at times,

precluded filing fee statements within the time periods specified in the Interim Compensation

Order.

Dated: September 19, 2020

San Juan, Puerto Rico

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Ehud Barak

Martin J. Bienenstock (pro hac vice)

Paul V. Possinger (pro hac vice)

Ehud Barak (pro hac vice)

PROSKAUER ROSE LLP

Proskauer also employs e-discovery attorneys who are billed at \$390 per hour. Like other attorneys, and consistent with past Compensation Periods, e-discovery attorneys are billed at a flat hourly rate and these fees are not treated as reimbursable third party expenses.

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